

St Lawrence Primary School –

Year 2 Summer Term

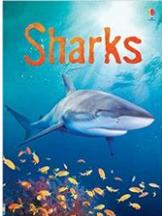
Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. It is so lovely to see all the children engaged and excited about this term, eager to become marine biologists as we start our topic of 'Under the Sea'.

We are really excited to be able to visit Coombe Abbey as part of our science work later in the term (this is obviously dependent on all Government guidelines).

Detailed below are the curriculum areas we are covering this term and a few ideas of how you can help your child at home.



Subject	Information	How you can help
<p>English</p> 	<p>The children will be given the opportunity to explore different genre of texts linked to our topic with a particularly focus on poetry and non-fiction.</p> <p>In reading, children will be expected to use their skills for research, e.g. topic related facts. Guided reading will be an important feature of the morning, where children can practice their fluency, book talk and comprehension skills.</p>	<p>To help your child at home, please listen to your child read as much as possible and practise the spellings that are sent home each week. Book talk is vital, the more discussion about a book the better!</p> <p>Please note that we encourage the children to read a wide range of books, so reading any books that interest the children should be encouraged.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This term, we will be revisiting key areas in mathematics to ensure that the children have the fluency and core skills to progress into Yr3. We will be revisiting place value, four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and 2D and 3D shapes. The children will be given the opportunity to practice their skills through problem solving activities.</p>	<p>Please keep practising number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 with the children. The children need to know the 2, 5, 10 Times Tables in random order (multiplication and division calculations) by the end of this term.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>This term, we will be observing, over time, the sunflower seeds we have planted and finding out about the basic needs for plants to grow. In the second half of the term, the children will be exploring living things and their habitats including a habitat exploration trip to Coombe Abbey.</p>	<p>Please ask the children to observe plants and their changes in their garden. Please encourage your child to ask questions about plants, animals and habitats. This will help them to contribute to investigations and discussions we have in class.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>Our topic this term is 'Under the Sea'. We have started the topic by finding out about Eugenie Clark, a famous ichthyologist (a marine biologist who studies fish). We have also begun looking at the world's oceans and will be exploring the topic through English work too. The children will find out about different sea creatures and the different habitats within the oceans, e.g. coral reefs and arctic waters. We will also be finding out about a famous explorer.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child their experiences of the seas and oceans, perhaps recalling holidays or beach visits, and the things that they have seen there.</p>  <p>Encourage children to look at books about the ocean and sea creatures.</p>

<p>Computers</p> 	<p>The children will be learning about programming (using Scratch) and will be solving a mystery by communicating by email. The children will be using the internet to research and support our topic and science work as well as reinforcing Online Safety during these lessons.</p>	<p>Online Safety continues to be very important and discussing with your child about how they can keep safe on-line is very important.</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>In PE, the children will be developing their tennis and skipping skills and preparing for sports day with a variety of athletics skills. We will also be competing in a gymnastics competition so will be working hard on our gymnastics skills.</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on Tuesday and Friday. It is important that children have pumps or trainers that fit and all kit must be named. Please could long hair be tied up and jewellery removed for these sessions.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>This term, children will be finding out about what makes places sacred across different faiths and looking at the Gospel depicted through Bible stories.</p>	<p>When opportunities arise, please discuss with your child places that are seen as sacred. The children will be making a model of a place (of their own choice) that is sacred.</p>
<p>Art/DT</p>	<p>Art and DT are both linked to 'Under the Sea'. We will be creating sea art and looking at works of art that focus on the sea. In DT, we will be making clay models and creating a healthy snack.</p>	
<p>Music</p>	<p>This term we will be exploring musical instruments and making links to our 'Under the Sea' topic wherever possible.</p>	
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>This term we will be learning about 'Making Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle'. We will make links to our Science topic and PE wherever possible.</p>	<p>Follow up at home would be appreciated. The children may have questions to ask at home relating to lessons.</p>

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

Homework is posted on Google Classroom every **Friday** and it is to be completed and returned via Google Classroom by the following **Wednesday**. The children will continue to receive English, maths and spelling homework. Reading books will continue to be handed in on a **Friday** and returned on a **Monday**.

Mrs Maffey and Mrs Johnson